

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-15, 18 and 19, as amended, remain herein. Support for amendments to the claims may be found, for example, in applicants' specification at p. 21, line 6—p. 26, line 13.

Applicants thank the Examiner for stating that claims 1 and 12-15 are allowed, and claims 3-8 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection thereof under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 3 has been so amended, placing claims 1, 3-8 and 12-15 in condition for allowance.

The Office Action stated that withdrawn claims 9-11 would not be rejoined with the elected invention. Claims 9-11 are now amended to be consistent with the elected invention, and rejoinder of claims 9-11 is respectfully requested.

1. Claims 3-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, since claim 3 depended from cancelled claim 2. Claim 3 is amended to depend from allowable claim 1, mooted the rejection and placing claims 3-8 in condition for allowance.

2. Claims 18 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over JP-63-267909. However, JP '909 fails to disclose manipulating an optical path of coherent light from a polygon mirror so that each reflection plane of the polygon mirror corresponds to a plurality of scans on a screen, the scans moving in a plurality of directions across the screen during each rotation of a polygon mirror, as recited in applicants' amended claim 18. To the contrary, JP '909 discloses generating a plurality of scans on a screen that move in only one direction during each rotation of the polygon mirror. Since JP '909 fails to disclose every element of applicants' claim 18, JP

'909 is an inadequate basis for rejecting applicants' claims 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

Accordingly, all claims 1, 3-15, 18 and 19 are now fully in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The PTO is hereby authorized to charge/credit any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293. If further amendments would place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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